

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-8 and 10-34 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 26 and 31 are amended to incorporate the features of original claims 5 and 9. Claims 6, 7, and 10 are also amended and claims 5 and 9 are canceled. Claims 32-34 are added to includes the features of claim 20 with claims 1, 26 and 31, respectively. No new matter is added by this Amendment.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended by Examiner Vargas and Examiner Shrivastav to Applicant's representative during the September 12, 2006 personal interview. The personal interview is summarized below and thus constitutes Applicant's record of the interview.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 10-16 contain allowable subject matter.

All of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 20, 2004 were not considered because EP 1 273 980 was allegedly not provided. Applicant submits that a copy of that reference was provided as evidenced by the enclosed September 20, 2004 date stamped receipt. Applicant notes that an additional copy was provided with the October 28, 2005 Amendment. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicant encloses another copy of that reference. It is requested that the Examiner consider the reference and return a completely initialed Form PTO-1449.

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on July 20, 2006. It is requested that the Examiner consider the reference cited in that Information Disclosure Statement and return an initialed Form PTO-1449 to Applicant's representative.

Claims 1-9 and 17-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by JP 8190245 (JP'245). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

JP'245 fails to disclose an image forming apparatus with an image holding portion that includes a first guiding portion and a developing portion that includes a first guided portion, as recited in claims 1, 26 and 31.

JP'245 fails to disclose the features recited in original claim 9. Page 4 of the Office Action identifies JP'245's shaft 3002 (Fig. 3) as disclosing all of the features recited in claim 9. However, the shaft 3002 allows for free rotation of the LED emitter 3001 (paragraph [0021] of translation). The shaft 3002 fails to provide any guidance for an image holding portion or a developing portion.

JP'245 also fails to disclose an image forming apparatus with a charging device that is moveable between a first position and a second position, as recited in claims 32-34.


JP'245 discloses a charging device 900. However, JP'245 fails to provide any disclosure with regard to the charging device 900 as being moveable between a first position and second position, as recited in claims 32-34. Furthermore, pages 4 and 5 of the Office Action only identify the charging device 900 and fail to identify where JP'245 discloses the charging device 900 as being movable between positions.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Prompt allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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